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SUBJECT: MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS: KOREA

REF: (A) STATE 212814; (B) BUCHAREST 5116

1. DURING CALL ON MFA IO ACTING CHIEF MARIN ALEXIE
SEPTEMBER 16, POL CHIEF MADE POINTS REF A AND NOTED OUR
PREVIOUS DEMARCHE TO MFA NORTH AMERICAN AFFAIRS COUNSELOR
MITRAN (REF B). EMBOFF UNDERLINED PARTICULARLY OFFENSIVE
NATURE OF AUGUST 16 PRO-NORTH KOREAN RESOLUTION, OUR
SURPRISE AND DISAPPOINTMENT OVER ROMANIAN COSPONSORSHIP
OF IT, POTENTIAL NEGATIVE IMPACT ON U.S.-GOR BILATERAL
RELATIONS, OUR STRONG BELIEF THAT CONTINUED STERILE CON-
FRONTATION AS EXEMPLIFIED BY RESOLUTION WILL NOT LEAD TO
POSITIVE SOLUTION, AND OUR CONVICTION AS STATED BY
SECRETARY THAT DIRECT NEGOTIATIONS AMONG ALL AFFECTED
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PARTIES IS MOST PRIMISING WAY TOWARD SUCH A SOLUTION.

EMBOFF STATED THAT WE HAD HOPED GOR WOULD NOT HAVE BECOME ASSOCIATED WITH SUCH A BLATANTLY DECEITFUL AND CONTENTIOUS RESOLUTION, AND THAT WE NOW HOPE GOR WILL RECONSIDER ITS POSITION. GIVEN HIGH LEVEL OF CONCERN IN U.S. ON KOREAN QUESTION, PARTICULARLY IN LIGHT OF SAVAGE MURDER OF TWO U.S. OFFICERS, WE WILL BE WATCHING GOR'S ACTIVITIES ON THIS QUESTION WITH GREAT INTEREST.

2. ALEXIE, OBVIOUSLY WELL BRIEFED, REPLIED THAT COSPONSORSHIP REPRESENTS NO CHANGE OF GOR POSITION ON KOREA IN THAT GOR HAS CONSISTENTLY FAVORED WITHDRAWAL OF ALL FOREIGN TROOPS, DISSOLUTION OF UN COMMAND, AND REUNIFICATION OF KOREA THROUGH PEACEFUL MEANS. SOMEWHAT APOLOGETICALLY, ALEXIE STATED THAT GOR COSPONSORSHIP MUST BE SEEN IN CONTEXT OF RELATIONS AMONG SOCIALIST STATES. RESOLUTION'S WORDING IS UNDERSTANDABLY TROUBLESOME, HE CONTINUED, BUT "THIFHIS NORTH KOREA'S WORDING, NOT OURS." NOTING THIS IS ONLY A DRAFT RESOLUTION #3, LIKE MITRAN, HELD OPEN POSSIBILITY THAT WORDING COULD BE MODIFIED. AT ANY EVENT, HE PROMISED GOR WILL REVIEW SITUATION AND MAY APPROACH U.S., PROBABLY IN NEW YORK.

3. COMMENT. OUR IMPRESSION IS THAT GOR STILL CONSIDERS IT HAS SOME FLEXIBILITY ON LANGUAGE BUT NOT ON UNDERLYING SUBSTANCE. GOR MAY MAKE SOME TOKEN EFFORTS IN OUR DIRECTION, BUT WHETHER THESE EFFORTS WILL MEET BASIC U.S. CONCERNS IS DOUBTFUL. ROMANIANS MAY HAVE GOTTEN THEMSELVES IN A BOX ON THIS ONE, BELIEVING THAT ON AN ISSUE OF MARGINAL IMPORTANCE TO THEMSELVES IN WHICH THEIR CLOSE NORTH KOREAN FRIENDS ARE VITALLY INTERESTED, THEY COULD SHOW "SOCIALIST SOLIDARITY" AND SUPPORT DPRK WITHOUT INCURRING INTOLERABLE LEVELS OF U.S. WRATH.
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